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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 113** - 2/9/2012

Introduced by: Senators Nelson (Tom), Lederman, Peters, Putnam, and Tieszen and
Representatives Cronin, Abdallah, Kirkeby, Rozum, Solum, Turbiville, and
Verchio

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for
2 recipients of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross,
3 distinguished flying cross, bronze star medal with valor device, or the bronze star medal.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the silver star medal, distinguished
8 service cross, navy cross, air force cross, or distinguished flying cross and has a valid South
9 Dakota driver license may apply to the secretary to receive special license plates which honor
10 the person as a recipient of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air
11 force cross, or distinguished flying cross. Each application shall be on a form prescribed by the
12 secretary and shall include the certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The
13 special plates shall be numbered and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary
14 indicating that the owner is a recipient of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy



1 cross, air force cross, or distinguished flying cross. The special plates shall be displayed as set
2 forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and validated each year with
3 a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In addition to the noncommercial
4 license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be charged for the initial issuance of the
5 special license plates. If it is determined that the owner does not qualify for the special plates,
6 the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence. The treasurer
7 shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration file. The
8 special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon the owner's death, but may not be
9 displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates or renewal stickers. Failure to
10 surrender the special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

11 Section 2. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the bronze star medal with valor
14 device or the bronze star medal and has a valid South Dakota driver license may apply to the
15 secretary to receive special license plates which honor the person as a recipient of the bronze
16 star medal. Each application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary and shall include the
17 certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The special plates shall be numbered and
18 contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary indicating that the owner is a recipient of the
19 bronze star medal with valor device or the bronze star medal. The special plates shall be
20 displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and validated
21 each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In addition to the
22 noncommercial license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be charged for the initial
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